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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable CONRAD R. BURNS, a Senator from the State of Montana.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The morning prayer will be recited by the Senate Chaplain, Lloyd John Ogilvie.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

The prophet Isaiah asks some very penetrating questions that put everything in order:

Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or as His counselor taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him? Who taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?—Isaiah 40:12-14.

Gracious Father, we humbly fall on the knees of our hearts as we answer these questions. You alone are the ultimate source of wisdom, knowledge, and guidance. Forgive us when we use prayer to try to manipulate Your will. It is not for us to instruct You, make demands, or barter for blessings. We confess our total dependence on You not only for every breath we breathe, but every creative or ingenious thought we think. You are the Author of our vision and the instigator of our creativity.

So we begin this day with thanksgiving that You have chosen us to be leaders. All our talents, education, and experience have been entrusted to us by You. The need before us brings forth the expression of supernatural gifts You have given us. We thank You in advance for Your provision of exactly what we will need to serve You and our Nation this day. By the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 2, 1995.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CONRAD R. BURNS, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BURNS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] is recognized to speak for up to 20 minutes.

PROGRAM

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, the leader has asked me to communicate this news to the Senate this morning. I am told that there will be a period for the transaction of morning business until 12 noon.

Following morning business, the majority leader has stated that it will be his intention to begin consideration of S. 1372 regarding the Social Security earnings limit.

The Senate may also be asked to begin consideration of the legislative branch appropriations bill during today's session.

As usual, all Senators should anticipate rollcall votes throughout the day and possibly well into the night.

THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LEASE SALE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, there is, in the reconciliation bill passed, in both the Senate and the House, an item known as ANWR, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge lease sale. There have been many views, versions, and interpretations of just what this is all about. I think it is appropriate that a Representative from Alaska, again, highlight the facts concerning this very important issue relative not only to the reconciliation package, where it is anticipated to result in a lease sale of about \$2.6 billion, but its contribution to the national energy security interests of our country.

Mr. President, let me attempt to put the issue in an understandable perspective relative to the size of the area that we are concerning ourselves with and the actual footprint anticipated.

First of all, there is a bit of a misnomer associated with ANWR, the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve. I hope the Chair can see this chart. Perhaps I should put it up a little higher. This does a pretty good job of describing the area in question. ANWR itself covers, basically, this top area, which is the coastal plain, about 1½ million acres; there is this wilderness area in green here, about 8 million acres. It covers the Arctic National Refuge—this portion here, which is in an area that is in refuge. That is about 9 million acres. It covers this up in the Arctic coastal plain. This is 1.5 million acres. The point is that the Refuge is about the size of the State of South Carolina.

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